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1. The Chinese authorities have finally granted permission for the opening of the Tsingtao Soviet Club, which has been closed for some time. For the present it can be used only for Soviet Committee meetings, and the general Soviet public will not have access to it until permission is given by the Chinese Foreign Affairs Bureau, which permission is expected within a very short time. The local Soviet community, however, considers even this limited permission as a distinct victory in itself.

2. Before leaving Tsingtao for Tientsin on 17 September, the visiting consul, Dorofeev, made a number of comments to the local Soviet community.

a. He stated that with the reopening of the Soviet Club, he now intended to supply them with a regular supply of Soviet films from Tientsin.
b. He also stated that he intended to visit Tsingtao at least once a month hereafter, because it was evident that the Soviet Community was in need of leadership.

c. He promised that on his next visit he would bring with him capable leaders for the community, because it was apparent to him that the Soviets in Tsingtao were living selfishly with regard to their own well-being only, and not as they should -- that is, primarily for the USSR.

d. Lelchitsky, the local Soviet representative in Tsingtao, was reprimanded by Dorofeev for removing the flag from the Soviet Club when it was closed by the Chinese authorities. Dorofeev told Lelchitsky that he should have left the flag in place, thereby forcing the Chinese to take it down, and then take pictures of them in the act of removing it.

Note: General TING Chih-pan, local Garrison Commander in Tsingtao, has confirmed the report of his meeting with Dorofeev. He stated that the eight Soviet citizens awaiting trial as collaborators will not be released until a thorough investigation and a trial take place. TING refused to return a courtesy call made by Dorofeev, and he openly declared his hatred of all Soviets.)

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